

# California Statewide Fire Summary

## Sunday, May 18, 2014

Cooler weather yesterday continued to aid firefighters as they made significant progress towards containment on the remaining six wildfires burning in San Diego County. In fact, yesterday firefighters were able to contain two more wildfires leaving four remaining active fires.

Since last week, CAL FIRE responded to over 200 wildfires statewide. With drought caused dry conditions, and strong Santa Ana Winds, 10 of those wildfires were able to grow rapidly. All in total just over 27,000 acres burned, most of which was from the four major fires on Camp Pendleton. At the peak of this week's fire activity over 5,000 firefighters from CAL FIRE, federal and local fire departments battled the nearly dozen wildfires burning simultaneously including 839 fire engines, 25 helicopters, 16 airtankers, 8 air attacks and lead planes, 100 hand crews, 23 bulldozers and 34 water tenders.

The weather this weekend has become much more favorable for firefighters, as a Pacific trough is bringing cooler weather with below normal temperatures and increased humidity, which is expected to last through early this week. Firefighters are monitoring weather conditions closely as a slow warming and drying trend will occur Wednesday and Thursday as the trough weakens. Conditions across much of the state remain much drier than normal, with a much higher than normal fire danger level.

With last week's large increase in wildfires, CAL FIRE is urging all Californians to take steps to prevent wildfires. Learn more at [www.ReadyForWildfire.org](http://www.ReadyForWildfire.org). One Less Spark, means One Less Wildfire.

### Fires of Interest:

#### **\*\*CAL FIRE Incidents\*\***

##### **Cocos Fire, San Diego County** ([more info...](#))

Village Drive and Twin Oaks Road, San Marcos

*CAL FIRE/San Marcos Fire/Elfin Forest Springs Fire*

\* 2,436 acres – 85% contained

\* Some evacuations remain in effect

\* 35 homes remain threatened

\* A CAL FIRE Incident Management Team has been assigned

##### **Bernardo Fire, San Diego County** ([more info...](#))

southwest of Rancho Bernardo

*CAL FIRE/San Diego City Fire/Rancho Santa Fe Springs Fire*

\* 1,548 acres - 100% contained

### **\*\*Local Incidents\*\***

#### **Poinsettia Fire, San Diego County ([more info...](#))**

Carlsbad Fire Department  
off Poinsettia Ln & Alicante Rd in Carlsbad

\* 600 acres - 100% contained

### **\*\*Federal Incidents\*\***

#### **Tomahawk Fire, San Diego County ([more info...](#))**

Camp Pendleton Fire Department  
Eastside of Camp Pendleton, west of Fallbrook

\* 5,400 acres – 97% contained

\* CAL FIRE is assisting

#### **Pulgas Fire, San Diego County ([more info...](#))**

Camp Pendleton Fire Department  
Northbound I-5 at Las Pulgas Rd, north of Oceanside

\* 14,416 acres – 55% contained

\* CAL FIRE is assisting

#### **San Mateo Fire, San Diego County ([more info...](#))**

Camp Pendleton Fire Department  
Northwest side of Camp Pendleton at the Naval Weapons Station

\* 1,457 acres – 65% contained

\* CAL FIRE is assisting